

RESOLUTION NO. 158

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,
EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 695
ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 1999, BALLOT**

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17.130 provides city councils in Washington state with the opportunity to take positions for or against ballot propositions; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 695 has been placed on the November 2, 1999, ballot to reduce the amount of Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes paid by vehicle owners \$30.00 per vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline stands to lose some \$2.1 million in revenues in the year 2000 and \$2.9 million in revenues in the year 2001 if Initiative 695 is approved; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 695 would also require a vote by the citizens to approve any future tax or fee increase after December 31, 1999 making it more difficult for the City to recoup costs generated by users of special services that have no benefit for the general public; and

WHEREAS, the costs to the City in lost revenues could substantially harm the City's ability to provide a basic level of services and capital improvements much needed in the community; and

WHEREAS, any future actions by the legislature to restore any potential revenue losses are unknown at this time;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Statement in Opposition. The City Council urges the citizens of Shoreline to vote "NO" on Initiative 695, an act relating to limiting taxation by: limiting excessive license tab fees; limiting tax increases by requiring voter approval; repealing existing licensing fees

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 25, 1999.



Mayor Scott Jepsen

ATTEST:



Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk